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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN SHIPPING MEETING, OCTOBER 17-18

1. ECON/COUNS MADE COURTESY CALL OCTOBER 11 ON SONOMURA, RECENTLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MOT SHIPPING BUREAU. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING MEETING WITH FMC CHAIRMAN BENTLEY, SONOMURA SAID SHIPPING BUREAU CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN RESTUDY OF PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND TOKYO, ON ASSUMPTION FMC WOULD WANT TO REVIEW ALL OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS AND ISSUES. HE SAID JAPANESE SIDE HAD NO NEW ISSUES TO RAISE. SONAMURA ASKED ECON/COUNS TO CONVEY HIS BEST REGARDS TO MRS. BENTLEY AND SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING HER AGAIN (HE MET MRS. BENTLEY BRIEFLY IN TOKYO ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO).

2. SONOMURA WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO SAN CLEMENTE MEETING BY INUI (DIRECTOR, OVERSEAS DIVISION, MOT). MOT HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER OTHER OFFICIALS FROM TOKYO WILL BE INCLUDED, BUT EXPECTS THAT NAKANO (SHIPPING ATTACHE, JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON) WILL ATTEND. JAPANESE DEL PLANS ARRANGE FOR INTERPRETER THROUGH JAPANESE
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EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

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3. ECON/COUNS ALSO TOUCHED ON DUAL RATE SYSTEM WHICH CONFERENCES PUT INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 8. SONOMURA SAID IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO VENTURE OPINION AS TO WHETHER SYSTEM WOULD WORK SATISFACTORILY, BUT HE DID NOT THINK THERE WOULD BE ANY PROBLEMS AS FAR AS JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ITSELF IS CONCERNED.

4. SONOMURA SERVED FOR 15 MONTHS AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SECRETARIAT OF MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS DEPUTY VICE MINISTER). AMONG OTHER ACTIVITES SECRETARIAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICY AND PLANNING AZTIVITIES OF MOT. PRIOR TO THAT HE WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SHIPPING BUREAU. SONOMURA UNDERSTANDS SOME ENGLISH BUT PREFERS TO SPEAK JAPANESE.
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